

August 2, 2002

Ref: 2976-21688

Honorable James Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
Post Office Box 94275
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4275

Re: Hearing Application
13,350' Sand, Reservoir A
13,400' Sand, Reservoir A
BIG BAYOU PIGEON FIELD
Iberia Parish, Louisiana
Applicant: Castex Energy, Inc.

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, application is hereby made on behalf of **Castex Energy, Inc.** for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the 13,350' Sand, Reservoir A and 13,400' Sand, Reservoir A in the Big Bayou Pigeon Field, Iberia Parish, Louisiana.

13,350' Sand, Reservoir A

1. To create a single drilling and production unit of approximately 139 acres for the 13,350' Sand, Reservoir A, designated as the 13350 RA SUA, Big Bayou Pigeon Field, Iberia Parish, Louisiana, all as shown more particularly on the attached plat;
2. The 13,350' Sand, Reservoir A, in the Big Bayou Pigeon Field is hereby defined as being that gas and condensate bearing sand encountered between the measured depths of 13,660 feet and 13,745 feet (electrical log measurements) in the Castex Energy, Inc.-Williams No. 1 Well, in Section 31, Township 12 South, Range 11 East, Iberia Parish, Louisiana.

13,400' Sand, Reservoir A

1. To create a single drilling and production unit of approximately 145 acres for the 13,400' Sand, Reservoir A, designated as the 13400 RA SUA, Big Bayou Pigeon Field, Iberia Parish, Louisiana, all as shown more particularly on the attached plat;
2. The 13,400' Sand, Reservoir A, in the Big Bayou Pigeon Field is hereby defined as being that gas and condensate bearing sand encountered between the measured depths of 13,801 feet and 13,934 feet (electrical log measurements) in the Castex Energy, Inc.-Williams No. 1 Well, in Section 31, Township 12 South, Range 11 East, Iberia Parish, Louisiana.

For the Above Sands

1. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the said units;
2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the units so created, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation;
3. To designate an operator of the unit and a unit well for the units created herein; and
4. To consider such other matters relating to the subject reservoir as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the public hearing.

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, the Commissioner of Conservation, the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of Conservation and all interested owners, represented parties and interested parties known to the applicant after a reasonable search were notified in writing in the pre-application notice dated July 22, 2002 that a conference to discuss the proposed application was tentatively scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 14, 2002. It was stated at that time that this conference would be held only if a request to confer were received by the undersigned within ten (10) calendar days after the date of the pre-application notice. No requests to confer were received either in writing or by telephone and, in accordance with the Rules of Procedure, the tentatively scheduled conference **WILL NOT BE HELD**.

Attached hereto and made a part hereof are plats outlining the 13,350 RA SUA and 13,400 RA SUA, Big Bayou Pigeon Field, Iberia Parish, Louisiana, and a list of the names and addresses of the interested owners, represented parties and interested parties to whom this notice is being sent. It is hereby certified that a reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all interested owners, represented parties and interested parties.

Upon receipt of the legal notice in the captioned matter, the notice will be posted, published and mailed in accordance with Rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure.

Any pertinent data relating to the proposed unit can be obtained, AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY, from Mr. Bill McAlister of Leon Comeaux & Associates, Inc., P. O. Box 53922, Lafayette, La 70505 (337) 233-9839.

Finally, there is enclosed herewith our check on behalf of the applicant in the amount of \$1,400.00, made payable to the Office of Conservation, representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,

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Attachments

cc: Mr. Richard D. Hudson
District Manager
Office of Conservation

All Interested Owners,
Represented Parties and
Interested Parties

